

CHAPTER NO. 257

HOUSE BILL NO. 489

By Representatives Dunn, Marrero, Gresham

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 808

By Senators Burchett, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, relative to domestic abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-602(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Any petition filed by an unemancipated person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be signed by one (1) of that person's parents or by that person's guardian. In cases before the juvenile court where the department of children's services is a party or where a guardian ad litem has been appointed for the child by the juvenile court, the petition may be filed on behalf of the unemancipated person by the department or the guardian ad litem.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2005


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR